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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DONETTI ET AL.

Examiner

Darryl J. Collins

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 February 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract should appear on a separate sheet of paper. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawano et al (U.S. Patent Number 6,142,625). Although Sawano et al fails to explicitly teach a method for determining an ophthalmic lens for a wearer, Sawano et al does teach a ophthalmic lens having a near vision region (Figure 1, element 12) and a distant vision region (Figure 1, element 14) wherein each vision correcting region has an optical power for correction of astigmatism (column 10, lines 1-6) as claimed in independent claims 1 and 9 and dependent claim 8. Sawano et al also teaches a target prescription in the near and far vision regions (column 2, line 59 – column 3, line 5) as claimed in dependent claims 4 and 5, and corrects astigmatism as a function of a principal meridian (column 10, lines 1-24) as claimed in dependent claims 6 and 7. It should also be noted that the broad recitation of “optimization” without and detailed structure is not patentably distinguishable over the prior art as it is naturally inherent to optimize the performance

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or quality of a given invention. It should also be noted that measurement of astigmatism as being measured in a reference frame linked to the eye and in binocular vision, as claimed in dependent claims 2 and 3, are very well known in the art and do not render the instant invention patentably distinct over the prior art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lens having far and near vision regions with astigmatism correction as taught by Sawano et al to develop a method of determining an ophthalmic lens for a wearer for optimization.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darryl J. Collins whose telephone number is 571-272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Darryl J. Collins
15 November 2006

